

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**


Claims 1-3 and 8-10 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer for possible filing at a future date in a divisional application. Claims 4-7 stand in the present application.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's acknowledgement that claims 4-7 are directed to allowable subject matter.

All formal matters are resolved. Applicants respectfully request the issuance of a Notice of Allowance. If there are any other issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through either a supplemental response or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone exchange indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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